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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: FRENCH REACTIONS TO SECRETARY'S DIALOGUE  
PROPOSALS

1. FROMENT-MEURICE, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR, FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAW  
UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TODAY TO DISCUSS REACTIONS TO  
SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS FOR RESUMPTION OF PRODUCER/  
CONSUMER DIALOGUE. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID FRENCH HAD HAD  
PRELIMINARY RESPONSE FROM ALGERIANS AND FROM ANOTHER,  
UNSPECIFIED, OAPEC COUNTRY. IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM  
CONVERSATION TO WHAT EXTENT REACTIONS AS DESCRIBED  
REFLECTED VIEWS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES ALONE AND TO  
WHAT EXTENT THEY DESCRIBED FRENCH POLICY, ALTHOUGH  
CLEARLY FROMENT-MEURICE CONSIDERED REACTIONS OF TWO  
OAPEC CONTACTS AS IMPORTANT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF FRENCH  
POLICY.

2. REACTIONS AS DESCRIBED TO UNDER SECRETARY WERE  
GENERALLY POSITIVE TO IDEA OF US INITIATIVE TO RESUME  
DIALOGUE BUT CRITICAL ON THREE POINTS:

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A. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE

ACCEPTABLE FOR THREE SATELLITE COMMISSIONS TO BE LAUNCHED FROM LAUNCHING PAD CONSISTING OF TEN PREPCON PARTICIPANTS. RATHER, LAUNCHING PAD WOULD HAVE TO BE BROADENED FROM TEN TO 25 OR SO ENVISAGED FOR FULL CONFERENCE. STEPS COULD BE CONVENING OF PREPCON OF TEN AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONFERENCE OF AROUND 25 WHICH WOULD LAUNCH THE THREE COMMISSIONS.

B. SECOND CRITICISM CONCERNED OBJECTIVE CRITERIA APPROACH TO SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP, WHICH FROMENT-MEURICE SAID WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE SEEN AS A MECHANISM FOR SEPARATING OUT THOSE WE DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE. FROMENT-MEURICE SUGGESTED AS POSSIBILITY THAT SAME 25 OR SO MEMBERS OF LAUNCHING PAD CONFERENCE WOULD BE THE MEMBERS OF EACH COMMISSION.

C. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE "CONTINUING LINKAGE" AND "PARITY" AMONG THREE COMMISSIONS. THAT IS, (1) THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A TIME ESTABLISHED FOR COMMISSIONS TO REPORT BACK TO LAUNCHING PAD GROUP, AND (2) IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEAR THAT THREE COMMISSIONS WERE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.

3. THIS TELEGRAM WAS DRAFTED FOLLOWING UNDER SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FROM PARIS.  
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